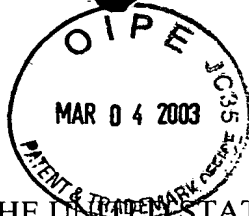


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AKIRA GODA ET AL. : EXAMINER: SOWARD, I. M.  
SERIAL NO: 09/556,777 :  
FILED: APRIL 25, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2822  
FOR: NONVOLATILE :  
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY  
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following Title:<sup>1</sup>  
NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE COVERED WITH  
INSULATING FILM WHICH IS HARD FOR AN OXIDIZING AGENT TO PASS  
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<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the amended portion of the specification is attached hereto.